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**ON THE COVER:**

Dr. Schall leads students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees in a Day of Service at Garden Hills Elementary.

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# inauguration quotables

*Instead of the usual President's Message, here we present excerpts from speeches made during the inauguration of Dr. Lawrence M. Schall. Charges were also presented on behalf of students, faculty, alumni and higher education. A summary can be found beginning on page 8.*

Lawrence M. Schall  
President

"One of the joys of working at a small place is that everyone matters and can have a significant impact. Everyone can lay their hands on the institution. As president, I certainly know that all that I do and say matters; my hands affect many lives. I arrived in Atlanta last summer after 52 years in the Northeast. July is not the best month to move south, but nevertheless I came full of energy, commitment and optimism. I came to be part of a new community, to lead an extraordinary institution, almost two centuries old, and to reaffirm our commitment to a liberal arts education, one that is broadly conceived and designed to prepare citizens who will guide their communities wisely and ethically. I came to provide support to a faculty that is second to none in their commitment to students and to teaching. And I came to help instill a sense of business and administrative discipline to ensure that Oglethorpe has a long and healthy future."



"I found a faculty that was engaged, intellectual and creative. I found students who were amazing young men and women, here because they have a love of learning and want to make a difference with their lives. I found a staff fully prepared to kick it up another notch or two and make things happen. I found a board of trustees fully engaged and committed to this institution. And finally, I found a city that is open to new people and new ideas, optimistic about the future and full of opportunity."

"Oglethorpe University, I believe, does have a unique obligation in American higher education, derived from the intersection of three conditions: the visionary ideals and call to action of our namesake, our tradition of education in the liberal arts and our place in the city of Atlanta."

"Today, I am making a commitment. Oglethorpe University will lay its hands on this city. We are small and not rich in financial resources, but our community is rich in spirit, and the individuals that make up our community will come together to make a difference to this city. Yesterday marked a new era in our history. We are Atlanta's liberal arts college. We belong to this great city. We are committed to its future."



Alfred Bloom  
*President, Swarthmore College*

"With a president who gives meaning to the term extraordinary leadership; with a board, a faculty, a staff, students and alumni exceptional in their institutional dedication; with a distinguished tradition of excellence, and with the remarkable opportunities the City of Atlanta offers for defining meaningful social priorities and for shaping personal paths of contribution towards them, Oglethorpe is sure to move undergraduate education towards its fuller purpose. I thank President Schall in advance for setting the vision, negotiating the realities and energizing the momentum of a trajectory so essential to American education; and I congratulate Oglethorpe on choosing Larry and Larry on choosing Oglethorpe."

Ellen Schall  
*Dean, New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service*

"It's no small thing to have gathered so many of [the Schall family] here in Atlanta, but here we are. Until Larry moved here almost a year ago, we could fairly be said to be pretty

much a Northeast family centered around New York and Philadelphia. It would also be fair to say we were a Swarthmore family. A few points follow from this.

One: This family is used to moving in a bloc. If I had to guess, we are about to see some big shift in the family demographic toward the South and toward Oglethorpe.

Two: Larry is a path-setter and also a person who makes things happen—and gets his way most of the time.

Three: You can see and we certainly felt the power of a consistent message in our family.

If you look behind the numbers, you can see not only that we all went to the same college, same summer camp, but also that we all have had careers in public service. Our dad is a lawyer, mom a teacher. The clear message we got was about public service, about the value of life lived doing work you love in the service of others.

That's very much the message of Oglethorpe: make a life, make a living, make a difference. Seems like a perfect match between the person and the place. Oglethorpe is already a very special place, an urban liberal arts college with a clear mission, a strong presence in Atlanta and bold ambitions."





# news & events

## Best Face Forward

How long has it been since you last visited the Oglethorpe home-page? Do you know about our city, our community and our challenge? If not, check out [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu). A new home-page was launched in early February, aimed at prospective students, to highlight Oglethorpe's key messages and tell the story of the people that make Oglethorpe unique. The rest of the site is also being updated, so check back often and see what you can learn about Oglethorpe.



*Jay Lutz, with Karen Head '98, celebrating his honor by the French government.*

## Chevalier Lutz

Dr. Jay Lutz received the Ordre des Palmes Académiques from the French government on Monday, February 27, in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art. Lutz, Frances I. Eeeraerts '76 Professor of Foreign Language and chair of the foreign language department, has been with the university since 1988.

The Palmes Académiques was created by Napoleon in 1808 to reward devotion and accomplishment in teaching. Dianne Josse, Cultural Attachée for the French Consulate, presented the award to Lutz "for service rendered to the French culture" through his teaching. Dr. Lutz received the award in the rank of Chevalier and was congratulated by the United States Ambassador to France. "Oglethorpe is honored to have Dr. Lutz receive this distinction," said Oglethorpe President Larry Schall. "He is the anchor of our foreign language program and has helped facilitate study abroad opportunities for countless Oglethorpe students and their international counterparts. As a teacher and scholar, he has inspired several generations of students to immerse themselves in French language and culture."

## 2006: A Basketball Odyssey

Oglethorpe celebrated 90 Years of Basketball on campus as students participated in Homecoming Weekend February 10-12. The Athletic Department and the Alumni Office hosted a weekend of activities, bringing together over 200 former teammates, cheerleaders, coaches and athletics fans of all ages to celebrate the long tradition of Oglethorpe athletics and to cheer on current Stormy Petrel athletes. The weekend included activities for children, an alumni basketball game, dinner, champagne brunch and over 53 basketball alumni were honored with a commemorative basketball pin during half-time of the men's game versus the Southwestern Pirates on Sunday, February 12. In addition, the #33 jersey of Russ Churchwell '05 was retired. Churchwell played on the Oglethorpe's men's basketball team for four years (2000-2005), and he finished his career as the all-time leading scorer and all-time leading rebounder in the history of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Basketball has been an integral part of the Oglethorpe community since December 15, 1916. On that day the Stormy Petrels suited up to play the Decatur Athletic Club in the university's first basketball game. Since then, Oglethorpe's men's and women's basketball teams have won countless conference, regional and national titles.

## Fit To a Tea

Oglethorpe students are often encouraged to go beyond textbooks for many courses – reading an extra book for a project, visiting an art museum for a cultural experience or meeting with Atlanta's leaders for added insight. But for his Comparative Politics of China and Japan course, Stephen Herschler enhanced readings with a sampling of international teas.

Herschler, assistant professor of politics, introduced a different tea to his students each week: basic black, green, gun powder, pu-erh, lapsang soochong, sencha, bancha, longjing, bi Luo Chun and oolong. "My idea is to open up the space in the classroom, to take the academic edge off and to help open the students' minds about the differences in China and Japan. To use the variations of teas does a similar thing in an immediate way," Herschler said. A majority of his students had no experience with tea other than sweet tea, and in this lesson there was no sugar allowed. After tasting the tea of the week, students discussed their reactions using language to effectively communicate how each tea was different. He prompted the students by asking them to think about tea with language commonly reserved for fine wine: personality, mood,





Students in Stephen Herschler's Comparative Politics course sipped their way through the cultures of China and Japan.

landscape or environment, what it reminds you of, seasons, how it makes you feel. Students were also required to keep a tea journal, to be typed up and submitted at the end of the semester as part of their class participation grade.

"I want to reach the students through their mind but often we are most impacted through our senses. This exercise will have an impact in a way that words and ideas do not. Perhaps they will use this process to help the other ideas stick," Herschler said.

## OU in the News

Since the fall of 2005 Oglethorpe has appeared in the press quite a bit. First, the Hurricane Katrina relief work done by the Oglethorpe University community throughout September and October drew a lot of attention. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* covered our efforts (9/5/05, 9/17/05, 9/23/05) and the university was featured on all three local television stations. The Oglethorpe volunteers were also highlighted in the Mansfield, Louisiana, newspaper (9/15/05) and on the cover of *The Southern Aviator* magazine (10/05). Local media, *Atlanta InTown* (11/05) and Neighbor Newspapers (9/23/05) also ran photos and articles about the relief efforts.

Campus events, students and faculty have also gained a lot more attention from the media since the fall. Two Delta Sigma Phi charity fundraisers (10/21/05, 4/6/06) and the Petrels of Fire tradition (2/13/06) were photographed for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. The Alternative Spring Break trip taken by 26 Oglethorpe students and staff gained local media coverage on the front page of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (3/18/06) and was picked up by the U.S. Newswire (3/9/06). The Core Curriculum (9/6/05) and our admission materials (4/2/06) were both featured in separate articles in *The Washington Post*. An Oglethorpe student is included on a print and billboard ad for the Brand Atlanta Campaign.

Both exhibitions in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art have been featured in local newspapers, magazines and websites. A story about the current exhibition *Portals to Shangri-La: Masterpieces from Buddhist Mongolia* aired on Washington Post Radio (1/27/06), and the museum was named the "Best Kept Museum Secret" by *Atlanta Magazine* in the December issue.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of any of these press clips, please contact Elizabeth Pittman at 404.364.8868 or [epittman@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:epittman@oglethorpe.edu).

# news & events

## Seen @ Oglethorpe

From the poet laureate to a member of Congress, the Oglethorpe campus has seen many familiar faces this semester. **Ann Cramer**, IBM's director of corporate community relations, gave a Rikard Lecture in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art on February 7, hours after Oglethorpe students visited Atlanta's Federal Reserve Bank to meet with president Jack Guynn in the Fed's board room as part of the OUR Atlanta program.

The following day, Georgia Labor Commissioner **Michael Thurmond** was the guest speaker for Oglethorpe Day, held February 8. Thurmond took in the Petrels of Fire race, spoke to students, faculty and staff in Conant and then enjoyed a Georgian-themed lunch in the Emerson Student Center.



*IBM's Ann Cramer delivered a Rikard Lecture to students in the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art.*



*U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser spoke to a packed crowd in February.*

On February 9, U.S. Poet Laureate **Ted Kooser** read his works and spoke to an audience of 500 packed in the Conant Performing Arts Center. Kooser, on his first trip to Atlanta, visited with Dr. Linda Taylor's Modern American Poetry class, made an appearance on FOX5's "Good Day Atlanta" and signed books following the reading.



*Congressman John Lewis discussed his journey through the civil rights movement during a recent visit to Oglethorpe.*



# athletics

By Hoyt Young

In what is becoming a spring sports tradition, the Oglethorpe men's golf team won their seventh SCAC championship in the last nine years. Led by Oglethorpe Male Athlete of the Year, senior Joe Green, the Petrels dominated at the conference tournament in Monteagle, Tennessee, solidifying their #3 national ranking. Look for Oglethorpe to make even more noise at the NCAA Division III National Championships in May. Visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) (keyword: athletics) for championship news.



Not far behind the men is the women's golf team, ranked #17 nationally. At the SCAC tournament, the Petrels stalked #3 DePauw University for two days before narrowly finishing second. Extremely young and talented, the women are sure to continue their steady rise next season.

The Oglethorpe men's baseball team struggled to an 11-29 record this season, though the team's constant hard work and determination did not go unnoticed by the Anderson Field faithful. The team will be buoyed by the return of freshman pitching sensation Sean Tuttle, who despite the Petrels' struggles, managed a 6-2 record and a spotless 4-0 record in formidable SCAC play.

Though lacking in depth to their conference rivals, the men's and women's track teams managed to fight for a sixth place finish in a stout SCAC Championship. Individual standouts shined throughout the season to provide the strength to make a run up the standings. Senior Jon Gabriel finished his four-year career at Oglethorpe unbeaten in the 400 meters at home and recorded a second-place SCAC championship finish. Sophomore long-jumpers Andrea Vinson and Justin Willard set school records in their events and await word on an invitation to the Division III Nationals.



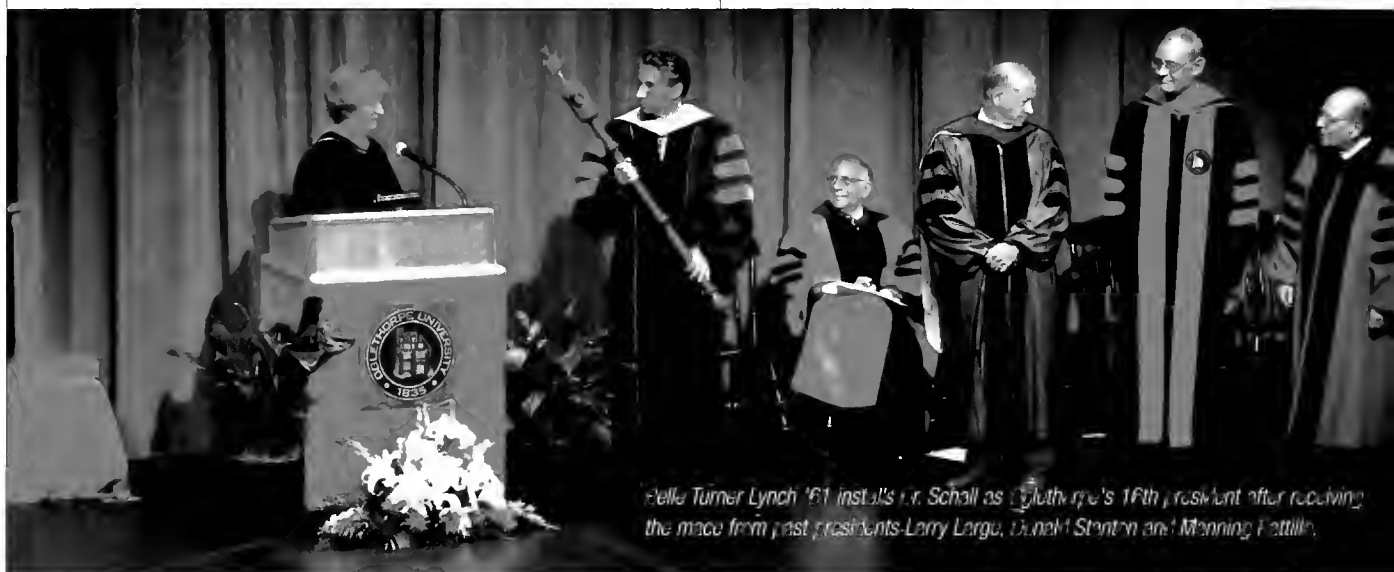
The men's and women's tennis team fought consistency all season with the exception of one player who proved to be outright unflappable. Junior Eckhardt van der Linde led the Petrels at #1 singles all season with a near-perfect record and saw his national ranking rise to #7. He and doubles partner Drue Malone combine to make the #8 ranked doubles combination in the South region, and both await word on an invitation to the NCAA Nationals. While the women's team struggled with their youth, head coach Peter Howell awaits their next season on newly renovated tennis courts.



## Facility Improvements

The addition of a modern tennis center that will elevate the athlete and fan experience is not the only exciting athletic improvement. The Department of Sports Medicine, in partnership with Infinite Sports Inc., renovated and installed state-of-the-art equipment throughout the athletes' training area. Among the highlights for the 1,000-square-foot training room are seven new training tables, four electrical stimulation machines with UltraSound combination units and three new whirlpools in the newly minted 400-square-foot hydro-therapy room. The new training room also boasts the capacity for therapeutic laser treatment.

# the inauguration of lawrence m. schall



Heller Turner Lynch '61 installs Dr. Schall as Oglethorpe's 16th president after receiving the mace from past presidents Larry Largo, Donald Stanton and Manning Pettillie.

By Mark DeLong '03

The Oglethorpe community got "Hands On" for the inauguration of Lawrence M. Schall as Oglethorpe's 16th president. The weekend celebration began on Thursday, April 20, with *An Evening with the Mayors* featuring Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and Ambassador Andrew Young and presented by the Oglethorpe Women's Network. On Friday, April 21, students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees descended on Garden Hills Elementary School for a Day of Service and then celebrated their accomplishments back on campus with a barbecue dinner. The formal inauguration ceremony was held the morning of Saturday, April 22, in the Conant Performing Arts Center with a reception following on the veranda.

"I hope this weekend and all its activities served as a signal to those inside the Oglethorpe community as well as to our friends in greater Atlanta that our institution is committed to playing an important role in the future of this city," commented Schall in his inauguration address.

## Thursday

"On Thursday evening, we listened to an inspirational conversation between Mayor Franklin and Ambassador Young at the Woodruff Arts Center," said Schall. "It was one of the most special events I have ever witnessed."

Over 350 people shared in the conversation on a rainy Thursday evening in Atlanta, welcomed to the event by Neil Williams, Chair of the Woodruff Arts Center Board.



Ambassador Andrew Young and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin listen as Dr. Schall addresses the crowd at the Woodruff Arts Center.

make a life

The mayors were introduced by Allen Whitehart '06, recipient of the 2006 Rich Foundation Urban Leadership Program's Leader in Action Award. After graduation, Whitehart will work as a history teacher and head basketball coach at Fulton County's Centennial High School. A life-long volunteer, Whitehart served in the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Oglethorpe.

Franklin and Young discussed their lives of service and the struggles and growth of Atlanta as a city. Following the conversation in the Rich Theatre, guests were invited to a reception in the Nita and J. Mack Robinson Atrium of the High Museum of Art. Franklin and Young mingled with students, faculty and trustees throughout the evening.



*Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, Ambassador Andrew Young and Belle Turner Lynch '61 at the reception in the High Museum of Art following An Evening With the Mayors.*

"I thought it was a great night, very fitting of how students perceive Dr. Schall," said Kionne August '06. "The two mayors, both Atlanta icons, were talking casually in a very entertaining talk. And at the same time we were in the High Museum, one of the hot spots in Atlanta. It was a night that was very Dr. Schall. He can talk to anyone, and he holds such a high position on this campus and in the Atlanta community already by all that he has accomplished."

#### Friday

To demonstrate Oglethorpe's growing connections to Atlanta, Schall wanted his inauguration to include a way to give back to the city, and a day of service at Garden Hills Elementary fit perfectly. Working with the Atlanta Public School System and Hands On Atlanta, the Oglethorpe

community got hands on across the school's campus.

"We had 300 turn out for our day of service," said Schall. "Dr. Beverly Hall, superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools, came to thank us and acknowledge our new partnership. There were trustees, faculty, family and friends there to work, but our students turned out in droves. I could not be more proud of our students."

Groups cleared brush around the school playground, improved landscaping beds, renovated the playground area and built shelving units inside.

The efforts at Garden Hills were recognized by school administrators, local media and alumni.

"Everything that was done looks great," commented Carla Russo '03, a fourth grade teacher at Garden Hills. "We really appreciate everyone coming out to help in this incredible effort."

#### Saturday

Though Saturday morning started out a little rainy, it did not dampen the spirits of those inside the Conant Performing Arts Center for Schall's inauguration ceremony. Following a processional featuring delegates from over 50 colleges and universities, 3 former university presidents, trustees, faculty and top administrators, Board of Trustees Chair Belle Turner Lynch '61 welcomed the crowd.



*Dr. Schall welcomes students, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees before they head to Garden Hills Elementary for the Day of Service.*

# the inauguration of lawrence m. schall



*Oglethorpe first lady Betty Londergan works in a Garden Hills flower bed.*

"It is a distinct pleasure for me to extend greetings to each and every one of you on this great day," said Lynch. "We are here to celebrate this very special occasion in the life of Oglethorpe University."

Schall then received charges from students, faculty, alumni and the higher education arena.

"As a visionary, you are discontent with the status quo and are not afraid to take bold steps to reinvigorate and revitalize all aspects of campus life," said Christiana Johnson '06, president of Omicron Delta Kappa. She then presented charges from the student body.

"I charge you to never be satisfied with what we are, but to constantly strive for what we can become. You must continue to

tap into Oglethorpe's potential, as we have yet to fully exploit the diverse resources and capabilities of those present at this institution. I charge you maintain the quality of our faculty and staff befit for a university of prestigious distinction. I charge you to fulfill this responsibility with wisdom, passion and ambition. We, the student body, have the greatest faith that you will do so."

Representing the faculty, Alan Woolfolk, professor of sociology, director of the Core Curriculum and associate provost, charged Schall "with continuing your bold leadership while respecting Oglethorpe's mission, by drawing upon what is best in our past while defining a vision of what me might become."



*Oglethorpe students made quite an improvement to this playground path at Garden Hills Elementary School.*



*Turner Lynch '61, left, meets with Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Beverly Hall and Dr. Schall during Oglethorpe's Day of Service.*

Woolfolk stressed the growth of Oglethorpe's reputation and identity, by expanding the faculty and strengthening the Honors Program and Core Curriculum, Oglethorpe's Atlanta connections and the need for a new physical and natural science facility.

"The rewards for success in these endeavors are great," Woolfolk concluded. "We can hope that every Oglethorpe graduate will say, 'This is where I began my adult life of responsibility, life-long learning and growing wisdom.'"

Joe Shelton '91, president of the Alumni Association said, "Because I have had the privilege of experiencing your leadership, rather than charge you to do the things I think you should do in theory, I would like to charge you to continue to do things I have already seen you do in reality."

"I charge you to continue to maintain a focus on making a difference," Shelton said. "I charge you to continue to care about who our students are and what they are about. I charge you to continue to follow your vision of Oglethorpe and never settle for second best. I charge you to continue to preserve the unique environment here which fosters intellectual and personal growth."

Ellen Schall, dean of New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and sister of our new president, represented higher education. She spoke of two methods of higher education, the ivory tower group in which the academy speaks to the world and the second group which engages with its community.

"Creating a model and a powerful way to describe that second group might be a good challenge for Larry and for Oglethorpe," said Ellen Schall. "I have been trying myself, and haven't gotten much further than ebony bridge or maybe rainbow bridge. The first word needs work, something to represent multiple strands, not just one color or one material. But I am pretty sure the second word is strong, that the idea of a bridge captures the concept we're trying to represent, that of scholarship and study as working hand in hand with a community, not divorced from it."

On a personal note, Schall's sister stated, "Larry is the center of whatever universe he enters." He certainly was the center of attention during inauguration weekend. Oglethorpe's Day of Service was featured on the front page of the Metro section in Saturday's *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. While running errands around town on Monday, Schall was stopped twice and thanked for his efforts and continued civic engagement; a perfect ending to a perfect "Hands On" weekend.



*Professor Chris Benton works with accounting students to build benches for Garden Hills' playground.*

# engaging students with atlanta

As Atlanta's liberal arts university, Oglethorpe has always been an exciting place to earn an education. The level of excitement has increased with the introduction of Oglethorpe's OUr Atlanta program, giving students an up-close-and-personal look at Atlanta's cultural, scientific, civic, business and academic entities and the people who run them.

In addition to enhancing our students' college experience, the program immerses our students in the plethora of opportunities available in Atlanta and stimulates thoughts of what students may in turn offer the city during their college experience and after graduation.

OUr Atlanta invites dynamic Atlantans to host Oglethorpe students at an event or institution that is both personally meaningful and unique to our city. During the fall term, Trustee Joel Goldberg hosted a group of Oglethorpe students and President Schall at a special viewing of the High Museum's exhibition of the works of Andrew Wyeth. Caitlin Way '91,

director of trustee and corporate relations at the Woodruff Arts Center, assisted with this visit, which included a personal tour with the curator of the Wyeth exhibit.

"Having the curator speak to us was one of the greatest experiences I have had this year," said Karly Wildenhaus '09, a modern art theory major from Kennesaw, Georgia. "The fact that the president and dean came with us definitely showed me how willing they are to commit time to the students and stay connected to our interests. Opportunities like this help develop a stronger relationship between the school and Atlanta and even the students and the faculty."

Provost Christopher Ames arranged for a group of students to attend a production at 7 Stages Theatre where he serves on the board. Trustee O. K. Sheffield '53 took a group of students to a spring production by Theatrical Outfit. Friends of Oglethorpe from SunTrust Bank



*Michael Shapiro, Director of the High Museum, gives a tour of the new facility to students, accompanied by Oglethorpe President Lawrence M. Schall, Trustee Joel Goldberg and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Peter Rooney.*





*Cassandra Copeland's economics class met with Atlanta Federal Reserve President and Oglethorpe Trustee Jack Guynn in his boardroom.*

arranged for a skybox at an Atlanta Thrasher's game. Trustee Susan Soper '68 took a group to a production at Horizon Theatre in April. Another group of students went with Professor Kendra King to meet with Atlanta City Council President Lisa Borders and to observe the city council in action.

Sometimes a particular event relates well to class content. Trustee and Vice Chair of the Board Jack Guynn, President of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, hosted Oglethorpe students in his boardroom after a tour of the facility. Economics Professors Cassandra Copeland and Bruce Hetherington each led a trip to the Federal Reserve Bank for their students.

"It was a very unique opportunity to be allowed inside the Federal Reserve and to see millions of bills being processed," said Ember Melcher '09, an economics major from Raleigh, North Carolina. "Jack Guynn

graciously shared the boardroom experience with us. Hearing him narrate the decision-making process greatly clarified how the entire Federal Reserve system worked. This trip is one of my favorite Atlanta memories."

Trustees, alumni and friends of the university have stepped up to propose additional excursions for the fall semester. Although the program began as a freshman initiative, interest quickly spread throughout the student body, and it has opened up to include all students. OUR Atlanta's goal for the coming year is to involve every freshman in at least one event during the fall term and to encourage campus-wide participation in a number of additional events throughout the year, including those that enrich classroom experiences. Providing these experiences to our new students will underscore Oglethorpe's vital connection to Atlanta and bring it alive with new meaning, enriching both the city and the students alike.

# students give holidays new meaning

*For today's Oglethorpe students, holidays spent in traditional ways seem to be a thing of the past. Over the Labor Day weekend, 150 students, faculty and staff volunteered to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina in an effort led by President Larry Schall. Continuing his commitment to public service, and specifically to assist those affected by Katrina, Schall began Oglethorpe's first Alternative Spring Break program. Over spring break, Dr. Schall traveled with 26 students who chose an alternative to tanning by volunteering in New Orleans, helping to clear and gut homes damaged by Katrina. Vicky Ruth '09, a freshman from Clarkesville, Georgia, describes the experience.*



*By Vicky Ruth '09*

Standing in the ruins of a house is never something I expected to do in my entire life. But there we were, all 26 of us, when it finally hit me – this really happened. Our group often joked around about the weird vibe we got while in New Orleans. It felt like a ghost town and in a sense it was, compared to what it used to be. We kept expecting zombies to emerge from the debris. But this was no movie, it was life in America, what we refer to as Katrina.



Although waking up at 8:00 a.m. everyday and doing nine hours of intense labor is not my idea of a break, going on this trip was an opportunity I could not pass up. As our vans passed through Mississippi, we began to see signs of destruction: fronts of houses entirely ripped off, porches in driveways, cars flipped over, boats in the middle of the road. We drove through New Orleans, passing through the famous French Quarter and Bourbon Street and then onto the Ninth Ward.

The destruction was indescribable; entire houses were completely destroyed. There was debris everywhere, trees uprooted, water, everything you could possibly imagine was lying in people's front yards. In the Ninth Ward, entire houses lay in piles, there were steps leading to nowhere and in some spots all that remained was a foundation.

We unloaded from the van and began to look around. Imagine that everything you owned had been put into a washing machine. For the houses that were still standing that is what it resembled. Everything was thrown around and completely soaked. It was overwhelming to say the least. When I saw a water-damaged photo album lying next to a house, I started to get emotional. People's entire lives were gone. Everything they ever knew and owned was gone. It is almost impossible to rebuild; most probably don't want to come back at all. We headed to camp in a somber mood and reflected on what we were to face the next day.

## make a difference

On our first day of work we split into two groups to work on two different houses. Our first task was to clean out everything left in the house: water-damaged furniture, clothes, magazines, books, stoves and most disgustingly refrigerators. Those refrigerators had been sitting in floodwater with rotting food for over seven months. That is one smell I will never forget.

But the real fun came in demolition. Our first house had four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen. In each room we had to break down the walls and bust out the ceilings. This is fun for a day. Then the soreness, bruises and scratches make you realize it's work. For five days both teams did this.

On Thursday, we heard the story of Lester Dyer. He didn't have time to evacuate and was put in the Super Dome. He told us horrifying stories of the murder, rape, suicide, physical and mental pain that hit the Dome. But Lester was grateful. He was glad not to be stuck in his house when the flood hit. He didn't have to choose who to save, as many did. Lester lost all of his possessions but kept his entire family with him, and that is all he needed. Lester helped us realize that having people you are willing to lose everything for is an amazing thing.

I was most impressed with my fellow travelers. Everyone on our trip pushed himself to the limit. The work wasn't easy for the fittest among us. It wasn't just the physical labor but dealing with the mold and dust made it a challenge. While our friends took spring break to party or relax, the 26 of us decided to give of ourselves and really became a family by the end of the week. I saw such character and personality in each person. You get to know people much better and faster through this type of work, and it really makes you respect and connect with them.

Many commented that they had never volunteered with a college professor, much less a college president. Dr. Schall proved his commitment not only to our school, but to our country. He is an exceptional, dedicated person, and going through this trip gave me a new respect for him and for Bev Hoffman, who organized and lead the trip. A thank you will never be enough.

In a world fueled by commercialism, tragedies like this bring us back to reality. On Saturday I returned to my dorm room and looked around. I wasn't attached to my stuff anymore once I realized that I am blessed. I have family, friends and love, the most you can ask for. If Katrina did anything it made us appreciate each other. It made us realize that we are stronger than any storm and can overcome and unite together.

As a team, we completed four houses and cleaned out another for a friend we made along the way. By the end of the week we were exhausted but thrilled by the work we had done. We went to New Orleans to make a difference and we accomplished that goal, but there's still so much to do. Help New Orleans and you will definitely be helping yourself. Donating money is great; seeing the damage will change your life; helping the local economy will be a boost; a donation of your time is best for the city and yourself.

*A second Oglethorpe group traveled to New Orleans May 15-21.*



# ten years of art at OU

By Kelly Robinson

Ten years ago, Oglethorpe added a major that would creatively direct and change the lives of many students and alumni. The mission of the art department at OU is to provide academic and experiential opportunities and guidance for a diverse population of students in the arts career fields. The art department educates in the disciplines of art history and studio art and features both historical and aesthetic approaches to understanding art and a studio-oriented, hands-on approach. Professor and department chair Alan Loehle believes in an education that combines the basics of art with a personal, in-depth approach tailored to each student's individual needs. As the following profiles illustrate, majoring in art produces a wide variety of creative outcomes.

Chip Evans '95 – Founder and Owner, Point 7 Design Studio  
 “I had a lot of firsts at Oglethorpe,” says Chip Evans, one of the first students to graduate with the new art major as well as the first class to play baseball in the college's newly reinstated baseball program after a 20-year hiatus.

Chip grew up in Savannah and Fayetteville, choosing Oglethorpe because of its proximity to his family and the fact that the university's new baseball program meant he had a good chance of playing all four years. “I'm an arty jock,” says Chip, who continues to play on an “old man's weekend baseball team.”

Artistic in high school, he credits his mother for nurturing his creativity – he would draw and color for hours when he was sent to his room. But he didn't realize that creativity could become his career and initially he took a lot of business classes. He found his niche in an art appreciation class taught by then-professor Lloyd Nick, now director of the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art.



*Chip Evans '95 plans for a photo shoot with a colleague.*



*Professor Alan Loehle instructs students in his printmaking class.*

“I decided then and there that I would do something I loved for the rest of my life, and at that point I took as many art classes as possible – drawing, anatomy, photography, sculpture and painting.” When art became a recognized major his sophomore year, he jumped in with both feet.

“Alan Loehle was fantastic, I loved going to his classes. He was good at articulating art theories and he was very supportive.”

After graduation a college roommate asked Chip if he wanted to work at his family-owned graphic design firm in Decatur. They were looking for an employee they could teach and trust, and Chip immediately accepted. For four and half years, he learned every aspect of the graphic design industry.

Chip went on to start his own graphic design business, Point 7 Design Studio, the same week his daughter Jaden was born – more firsts. After a rough couple of years growing the business, Chip now employs a salesperson and hopes to soon move out of his home office. His client list, which includes Bare Escentuals, Georgia Tech Research Institute and the Georgia Department of Education, continues to grow.

Running into Alan Loehle on a visit back to campus, Chip told him, “I can directly attribute my design success to the great foundation that was built in Oglethorpe's art department.”

Bridget Cecchini Lerette '95 – archivist at Columbia University in New York

A military kid who found Oglethorpe through literature in her guidance counselor's office at her high school in Florida, Bridget chose OU because of its Atlanta location and small size.

A history and art double major, she was not sure at the time how she would combine the two into a career. She enjoyed her studio classes and said, "They taught me the basics behind how art works, and I was able to think creatively in a physical way – not thinking in an outline but freeform and organic."

She took many classes from Alan Loehle and calls him "a great teacher with great enthusiasm – he encouraged me and all of my classmates to experience more than life on campus, he took us on drawing trips off campus and to art exhibitions – he wanted us to take advantage of all that Atlanta had to offer."



*Bridget Lerette '95 at work in the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library at Columbia University.*

During her senior year Bridget interned at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and after graduation, received a full scholarship to Rice University in Houston where she earned her master's in art history. Her focus was 19th century American art, and she kept Atlanta ties with her thesis on "The Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama Painting." Bridget married, and after graduating from Rice, started to rethink what she wanted. Through a series of informational interviews, she discovered art librarianship. Her husband, a design engineer, got a job that moved the couple to North Carolina, and Bridget applied and

was accepted to the library school at UNC Chapel Hill – where she got a second master's in library science. While in school she also volunteered at the North Carolina Museum of Art and worked with UNC's Southern Historical Collection.

A new opportunity moved the couple again, this time to New York, and Bridget got a job as an archivist at the Bronx County Historical Society. Two years ago, she began work at her current job in the drawing and archives department at the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library at Columbia University, the perfect union of her interests in one fulfilling career.



*Josh Gramling '99 finishes a medical illustration in his studio.*

"I'm happy to indulge in things I'm interested in; you become a mini-expert on all different kinds of things. It has allowed me to combine my love of art with something outside of the museum field. I am constantly learning more about New York architecture and arts."

Josh Gramling '99 – Medical Illustrator

Living and working in Ft. Collins, Colorado, Josh is a long way from his hometown of Woodstock, Georgia, and the Oglethorpe campus that he came to love so well. Josh found his career direction early when interviewing for the Governor's Honors program in high school, "The interviewer asked me what I loved, and when I said science and art, he asked me if I'd heard of medical illustration. He explained what that was, and I was hooked." Josh began his research and chose Oglethorpe because of its Atlanta location and the art major.

For the next four years he took every art class possible and almost enough biology classes to comprise a double

# ten years of art at OU

major. Josh also got to know Oglethorpe's faculty well, including Alan Loehle through his fundamentals of art class. "The skills I learned in that class and others like it carry over into what I am currently doing – composition, technique and color theory. All of my coursework was based on getting me ready for today. Professor Loehle took the time to give me specific projects to help me in what I wanted to do. He crafted curriculum and projects showing line and form specific to mechanical illustration." This time and special attention worked to get Josh to his next step and beyond.

After graduation, Josh was accepted to the Medical College of Georgia – one of only a few graduate programs in the country which offer medical illustration, where he was one of only eight students. During his time there, students got to sit in on surgeries with sketchbook in hand. He graduated with a degree in scientific and medical illustration. Another Oglethorpe alumnus, Nobles Green '03, graduated from the same program.

Josh has worked at Visible Productions, a medical multimedia and 3-D animation studio based in Ft. Collins, for almost two years. He works with "visible human projects," where he uses the dataset from a cadaver and turns the information into an animated model. Clients for his company include doctors, hospitals, teachers, patients and lawyers. One animation project, showing how the human stomach works, from swallowing to digestion, was taped for airing on a future Oprah Winfrey show.

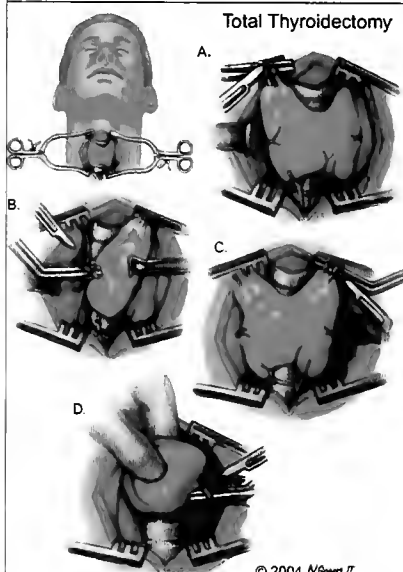
"It's a small field, and I love it – Oglethorpe prepared me well for my career – and for my life."

Angela Torchio '02 – Sotheby's Institute, Master's in Contemporary Art

While attending Marietta High School, a friend gave Angela a book on Matisse and suggested she might get into the arts. Little did the friend know what a chain reaction that would cause. Choosing Oglethorpe allowed Angela to continue that interest and watch her talent and confidence grow.

She crafted an independent major in art history and business and thought at the time that she might like to open an art gallery. "I found Professor Catherine Kelley's Modern Art class, and her lectures were amazing; everything she said was stimulating," said Angela. "And with Alan Loehle's Anatomy for the Artist class, I was completely obsessed."

A trip to Italy after graduation to study art history and opera convinced Angela to continue her art history studies. She moved to New York after returning to the states and worked as the assistant to an independent curator before deciding she wanted



*A medical illustration by Nobles Green '03.*

to continue her study of art history. Once she decided she was going to graduate school, she asked Dr. Jeffrey Collins and Loehle for advice and they recommended the Oxford program.

She loved her Oxford experience, studying ancient art and conducting individual research.

After Oxford, she found the Sotheby's master's program on the internet, applied and was accepted in 2005. In an email to Loehle in May 2005 she wrote, "I had my interview last week (at Sotheby's) and they told me that I was overqualified and the exact type of student they look for. So thank you. There is no way that I would be in such a great position if it were not for you and Professor Kelley and Dr. Collins . . . Thank you for all of your help and guidance over the years."

At Sotheby's Angela is being trained to work in the field of contemporary art, giving many oral presentations, attending lectures at the famed auction house and even curating a hypothetical exhibition. She completes the program this October and looks forward to getting another master's or her doctorate.

She says that it recently dawned on her that an OU education prepares students unlike any other school. "I wouldn't have been half as successful if I hadn't attended Oglethorpe; I think about things differently than the general populace thinks about them."



# faculty profile

## Kendra King

By Mark DeLong '03

Dr. Kendra King, assistant professor of politics and assistant director of the Rich Foundation Urban Leadership Program, could install a revolving door in her office, as a steady stream of students move in and out during office hours.

"I believe education, especially a liberal arts education, is a great equalizer," said King, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and attended Colby College in Maine. "The liberal arts tradition allows you to explore the possibilities. Growing up in the projects, education was a gateway for me."

This semester, King is teaching two special topics in politics courses: Moral and Political Leadership and From Montgomery to Memphis –The Political Evolution of Martin L. King, Jr.

One student told her that reading Martin Luther King, Jr.'s biography changed her life. "And that's what this profession is all about," King said. Her other courses this spring are State and Local Government and The Politics of Hip Hop for University College.

While in college, King was active in student government, she wrote and acted in a one-act play, and she worked in the cultural affairs office. Working with the dean, she organized a trip to Atlanta's King Center. "I felt like it was an opportunity to get to know Dr. King and his legacy of nonviolence up close and personal," she said. "The trip was a life-changing experience as I did get to experience Dr. King through Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Elder Bernice A. King daily in the opening and closing sessions."

King spoke at her 1994 Colby graduation, sharing the podium with George H. W. Bush. "I shared with my moral and political leadership class that one of my biggest mistakes was not recognizing the president in my speech. He acknowledged me, but I never recognized his presence," she said.

After Colby, King went on to earn her doctorate from Ohio State University. She began her teaching career at the University of Georgia, but came to Oglethorpe in support of the liberal arts experience.

"The Oglethorpe difference is the opportunity to invest more in the teaching process, to focus on each student," she said. "Because of the intimate classroom setting, you get to know each student's strengths and weaknesses and help them master their skills. That's a wonderful experience. You know the change is instilled in students."

Outside of the classroom, King is working on a politics textbook, to be released for fall 2007. Beginning a series on minority politics by Polity Press, the book will be the first African-American politics text with chapters on the influence of hip hop and mega-churches.



Through her writing and her teaching, King lives by a quote displayed prominently in her office: "Be the change you seek." At the end of March, King joined 20 students in the National Sleep Out in Atlanta's Centennial Park to raise awareness for America's poor and homeless citizens. The event is just one example of how King is working for change in society and in the mind of every student she reaches.

# reading room

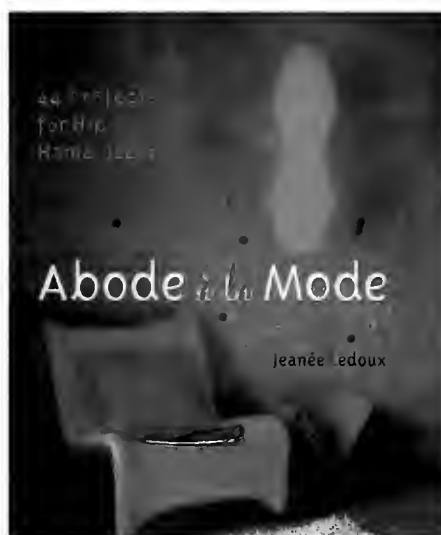
## Two alumni share Louisiana roots

By Jerry Portwood '99

Driving through southern Louisiana, it's nearly impossible to miss the swamps from which the cities, town and roads seem to somehow emerge. Fortunately, such mysterious locales have also produced a long line of curious, intelligent individuals that have left the soggy land of their home to tell their tales.

Two recent Oglethorpe alums who hail from Louisiana, Anthony Wilson '97 and Jeanée Ledoux '99, have both produced books that reveal their attachment to their Southern pasts.

After graduating from Oglethorpe, Wilson attended Vanderbilt University where he got his doctorate in English. His book *Shadow and Shelter: The Swamp in Southern Culture* (published January 2006 by the University Press of Mississippi) grew out of his dissertation



work as well as being influenced by his growing up in Louisiana from age 11.

"Really, experiencing Louisiana culture got me interested in swamps as places of cultural importance. On the other hand, I think comic books and bad horror movies got me interested in swamps as creepy, evil places," said Wilson via email. "My book tries to reconcile the two!"

Wilson claims the book is primarily aimed at a scholarly audience. However, its subject matter – the cultural history

of Southern swamps from the colonial era to the present through the lens of literary works as well as pop culture artifacts – has a broader appeal to anyone interested in how the swamps “transformed, in the Southern imagination, from the enemies of Southern culture to its precious, fragile remnants.”

Wilson, who married Jeanette Randall '97 in 2001, now lives in LaGrange, Georgia, with their newborn son and teaches English at LaGrange College.

At first glance Ledoux's book seems to have erased any sign of her upbringing in Opelousas, Louisiana, since it focuses on young, hip do-it-yourselfers on a budget but, not only did the book begin as an idea while she was a student at Oglethorpe, it also retains an eclectic, flamboyant passion for arts and craft that feels entirely at home with a quilting circle or the fashion set.

*Abode à la Mode* was published in December 2005 and has steadily risen in the ratings at Amazon.com. Ledoux is currently working on ideas for a second DIY book for which she's already begun to design and experiment.

While working at *The Stormy Petrel* newspaper in the late 90s, Ledoux suggested decorating a student's on-campus residence for \$100. A contest was concocted, and Mona Jain '01 received a room makeover with flea market finds and the help of Ledoux's trusty glue gun.

“The seed for the book has been there for a long time,” says Ledoux. “It was really fun and good for me to finally incorporate the visual part of me. I didn't nurture that part of myself while I [studied literature] at Oglethorpe.”

After graduating with a degree in English, she worked for a time at Storey Books – a publisher of how-to books – in Williamstown, Massachusetts, before returning to Atlanta and starting her own copyediting company. She continues to copyedit for publishers out of her home in Decatur, where many of her ideas for the book now decorate her home.

For a time she found it difficult to reconcile her analytical English major training with her crafty side. “But I like to make things,” she says. “I had urges to do things like this while at OU but it seemed to distract me from the time needed to write a paper.”

Luckily, she now has a life that marries her two passions – writing and creating – into one.

*Jerry Portwood '99 was named Managing Editor of New York Press in April. His email address is jerry@nypress.com.*

#### *Alumni Authors*

*A partial listing of books published by alumni authors*

*Donna Adair Breault '88 – Experiencing Dewey: Insights for the Classroom (2005)*

*Chad Foster '96 – How Firm a Foundation: A Handbook on the Historical Reliability of the New Testament and the Resurrection (2004) and So That You May Believe: The Apologetic Nature of John's Gospel (2005)*

*Dr. John T. Goldthwait '41 – A Pleasant Fiction (2003), Reasons for Andy (2003), Values: What They Are & How We Know Them (1996)*

*Shahara Henley-Ruth '02 – From the Poet to the People (2004)*

*Mike Higgins '74 – Action in the South Atlantic (2000)*

*Lise Shade Pace '87 – Working Virtually: Challenges of Virtual Teams (2005)*

*Cheryl Ritzel '91 – Runner's High: A Paul Grey Murder Mystery (2005) and Beginner's Luck: A Paul Grey Murder Mystery (2003)*

# donor profile

## Tim Tassopoulos '81

By Mark DeLong '03

"I could be involved on campus long after I retire and still feel like I won't be able to pay back the Oglethorpe community for all that it's done for me."

That's Tim Tassopoulos '81, explaining his heavy involvement at Oglethorpe 25 years after graduating summa cum laude. While earning his bachelor's in political science and history, Tassopoulos was a member of the Politics and Pre-Law Association, Alpha Chi, Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa, various intramural teams and *The Stormy Petrel*.

"First and foremost, my time at Oglethorpe gave me not only relationships that'll last a lifetime, but also experiences and insights. It helped give me confidence to take on future roles outside of Oglethorpe," said the senior vice president of operations at Chick-fil-A. "Beyond that, it's consistent with what is most important in my life, which is helping future leaders get involved in their communities."

Tassopoulos, who has served Oglethorpe as president of the national alumni association, a member of the President's Advisory Council and, since 1998, a member of Oglethorpe's Board of Trustees, is also an active member of his community. He serves on the Board of Advisors for the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, where he earned an M.B.A. in 1983, the board of the Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts, the Board of Visitors for Hellenic College Holy Cross Seminary in Massachusetts and the parish council of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta.

"Any involvement I've had [at Oglethorpe] has not just been rewarding, but it's been a lot of fun," he said. "People give of their time, talent and financial resources because Oglethorpe's got a clear vision that I have confidence will be fulfilled, and I think that's why people are so excited about being part of it at this point." "It's evident to me that Oglethorpe is a hot school," he said. "There's buzz about Oglethorpe in the Atlanta



community and beyond. It's in high demand, as evidenced by applications going through the roof. We've got some real momentum in terms of athletics, if you look at what happened this year with women's basketball, the golf teams, the growth of the soccer program and the sports facilities. Another key is the facilities improvement: new dorms, landscaping, the renovations to Hearst and the Academic Quad. And most importantly, there's terrific leadership. Larry Schall's pulling the vision together and he's going to lead us into the next level."

Tassopoulos stated a few years back that Oglethorpe can be the number one liberal arts college in the Southeast. "There's no question to me that it basically comes down to the outcomes, which is the students who graduate. I'm well aware of the promises that we make, and I think they hold true. Oglethorpe graduates become community leaders who think well, communicate well, make a significant contribution to the businesses and communities they are a part of and truly make a life, make a living and make a difference."

With the support of Tassopoulos and alumni and friends such as him, Oglethorpe will make great strides in the coming years and continue to become more widely recognized as the top liberal arts university in the Southeast.

# alumni association president's letter

## Dear Fellow Alumni:

I cannot begin to tell you how much fun I am having in my role as the president of our alumni association. In addition to visiting with old friends and making new ones, I am experiencing anew what made me grow to love Oglethorpe more than 18 years ago.

The last few months in particular have presented many opportunities for alumni to reconnect with the school and each other. At the end of March, many of you returned to campus as we celebrated a fun-filled alumni weekend. In April, numerous alumni also took part in events celebrating the inauguration of President Larry Schall.

If you have been connected with the university lately, you already know that your alma mater is on an incredible upswing as President Schall is providing amazing leadership and vision. The students are energized, the faculty is brimming with optimism, and the university is soaring to new heights (so much so that groundbreaking for another new residence hall will begin this summer).



As alumni, we need to catch the wave and do everything we can to support the successful ride.

One important way we can do that is through our giving. Oglethorpe is rich in history and tradition, but we are not rich in the more traditional sense of the word. To continue operating, the school relies on financial support from its alumni and friends, which in turn influences major gifts from foundations to build infrastructure. When reviewing the university's requests, the foundations look closely at the percentage of alumni who give to the school. By contributing financially (no matter what the amount), you can make the alumni participation number a strength rather than a weakness when Oglethorpe is seeking critical foundation gifts.

As you read this, the university's annual fundraising campaign (the Oglethorpe Fund) is in its final push as the school's fiscal year ends June 30. During your time on campus, Oglethorpe made an investment in your life. Please participate in the continued success of the university by making a return investment and pledging your financial support right now by contacting Sam Graddy ([sgraddy@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:sgraddy@oglethorpe.edu), 404-364-8529). Again, your participation is more important than the amount you can give.

As always, the alumni association welcomes your involvement. If interested in learning more, contact me ([jshelton@laborlawyers.com](mailto:jshelton@laborlawyers.com), 404-240-4259) or Barb Bessmer Henry '85, Director of Alumni Relations ([bbhenry@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:bbhenry@oglethorpe.edu), 404-364-8443).

In closing, please send your current email address to [alumni@oglethorpe.edu](mailto:alumni@oglethorpe.edu). The university will not flood you with emails; however, there is some vital communication that goes out to alumni via email only. If the school does not have your email address, you are missing out on exciting news and opportunities.

Joe Shelton '91  
*National Alumni Association President*

# class notes

## Future Freshmen



Donna Adair Breault '88 and her husband Rick announce the birth of their daughter, Niamh Clare, who was born Aug. 23, 2005, at DeKalb Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Audrey (born July 21, 2004) is very proud of her little sister. Donna and Rick are also

happy to announce the publication of their first edited book, *Experiencing Dewey: Insights for the Classroom* published this year by Kappa Delta Pi.



Scott McKelvey '91 and his wife Kelly had a baby boy on Sept. 15, 2005. Adam Hawkins weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 22 inches long.



Alan Gibson '95 and Teri Butler Gibson '95 announce the birth of their second child, Braden James. He was born on Aug. 26, 2005, and weighed in at 8 pounds and 14 ounces. He joins big sister

Ellie Ruth, who is two years old. The Gibsons live in Marietta, Georgia, where Teri is a stay-at-home mom and freelance graphic designer, and Alan is an attorney.



Emily Gurley '96 and husband Eric Adams announce the birth of their son Odin on June 18, 2005. They are currently residing in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Jennifer Fowler Stafford '96 and Michael Stafford proudly announce the birth of their first son, Cole Robert, on Sept. 29, 2005.

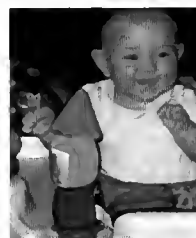


Anthony Wilson '97 and Jeannette Randall Wilson '97 announce the birth of their son, Lucas Cameron. He was born on Dec. 5, 2005, weighing in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19.25 inches long.

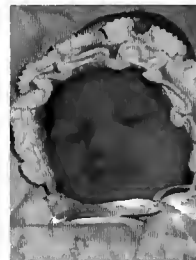


Kelly Holland Vrtis '97 and husband Matt were tickled pink to welcome daughter Amelia Caroline on Aug. 3, 2005. Kelly celebrated 10 years with The Container Store last year and was recently promoted to marketing communications manager at the company's home office in Dallas, Texas. She oversees and produces all of the advertising and marketing communications, including catalogs, web site, corporate communications and training materials.

Matthew Flinn '98 and Amy Myers Flinn '00 announce the arrival of their son Andrew Michael Talmage Flinn. Andrew was born on March 2, 2006, in Seattle. He weighed 8 pounds and measured 20.25 inches long.



Russell Lind '98 and wife Jodi announce the arrival of Allison Sarah born May 29, 2005. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. Everyone is all smiles!



Kevin Woolf '00 and wife Amy announce the birth of their first child, Anna Elizabeth. Anna Beth arrived on Christmas Day. Mom and baby are doing well.



## Weddings

Glenda Herd Jones '68 was married on Feb. 1, 2006, to Larry Holmes, in Jamaica. The couple will reside in Cumming, Georgia.

Jennifer Sisco '96 married Mark Pekosz on Nov. 5, 2005, at Our Lady of the Holy Angels Church in Little Falls, New Jersey. Jen's father, a deacon, performed the ceremony. David Cheung '96 served as an usher. After a honeymoon in Curacao, Jen and Mark are back at work at Linden (N.J.) High School where Mark teaches biology and Jen teaches English.



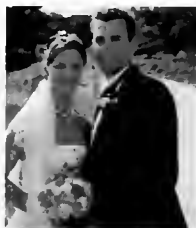
Heidi Blackwell '99 and Ilya Lavrik were married on Dec. 30, 2005, at 7 Stages Theatre in Atlanta. The ceremony was performed by Oglethorpe alum (and Heidi's best friend) Katherine Griffin '96. Many other Oglethorpe alumni were also in attendance.



Lindsay Burgoon '00 and Jay Matthews '99 were married on Aug. 20, 2005, surrounded by friends and family in Atlanta. The wedding party included Oglethorpe alumni: maid of honor Courtney King '99; best men Jesse Peters '01 and Bryan Wright '01. Alumni in attendance were Brandon King '00, Leigh Lawless '00, Jeremy Beaird '98, Sha

Nateghi '04, Rob Fearon '95 and Michael Reeves '99. The Matthews now live in Portland, Oregon, where Lindsay has entered a master's program for Oriental Medicine.

Austin Markiewicz '01 married Erin McMurray on Aug. 6, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida. The wedding party included Oglethorpe alumni Colin Pajot '01, Matt Mills '01 and Christian Blonshine '01. The couple now lives in Tampa.



Jonathan Turley '02 married Margreet Arnold. Jonathan is currently living in Kuwait, working in the political section of the U.S. Embassy.



Kimberly Vax '03 and Christopher Summers '03 were married on June 25, 2005. Chris currently works as the assistant director of admissions at Oglethorpe, and Kimberly is taking classes toward enrollment in the MAT program at Oglethorpe.



Christina Vinluan '04 married Sandeep Heda on July 9, 2005, at Saint Catherine of Siena in Kennesaw, Georgia. Christina's bridal party included Oglethorpe alumni: Mu-Hung Fang '05, Dar'Shun Kendrick '04, Joy Evans '02, Shaniece Broadus Criss '02 and Paula Tecklenburg '04. The couple now lives in Philadelphia. Christina is an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Sandeep works at Bain & Co., while attending the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



# class notes

## Alumni Updates

Thomas Munro Hunter '43 is living in Elmhurst, Illinois, and is a retired vice president of Business Forms Co. In addition to receiving his degree from Oglethorpe, he also was in the U.S. Infantry, Illinois National Guard and completed his J.D. from Loyola University in Chicago. Thomas has three children: Thomas W. Jr., Erica Hunter McKoane '75 (Illinois) and Sarah Hunter Conley '85 (Massachusetts).

Favorite memory: Thomas says that Oglethorpe gave him an opportunity to complete his college education that was not available to the majority of people. WWII disrupted his contacts so there has always been a gap in their relationships, what might have been!



Joe Soldati '61, Tony Parades '61 and Mark Weinberg '61 met in Seattle this March for their own class reunion. While visiting some of Seattle's well-known marinas and the Chittenden

Locks, they discussed their lives, families, age-related changes and more. It was a great day filled with comments like, "Do you remember" and "How is he/she doing now?" For the casual observer it must have been like trying to follow a very fast game of ping-pong as chatter bounced around the table.

Betty (B-J) Rutland Stapleford '64 received her Doctor of Ministry degree from the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, in May 2005. She is beginning her eighth year of ministry with the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Thousand Oaks, California, and invites fellow classmates to visit her and her husband Tom in sunny southern California.

Lila McGahee Adair '67 has been elected as the national vice president of the American Association of Physics Teachers. She will serve a four-year term, one year each as vice president, president-elect, president and past president. Lila retired from 35 years of teaching in 2002 and is employed as a science methods instructor and student teaching supervisor at Piedmont College in Athens, Georgia.

Russell "Rusty" Mabrey '87 is an assistant district attorney in Savannah, Georgia. His wife, Jennifer Perry Mabrey '87, is employed as a physical therapist for St. Joseph Hospital in Savannah. They have two children: Jacob-Taylor (8 years old) and Zoe (6 years old).

Lise Shade Pace '87 co-authored a business book entitled *Working Virtually: Challenges of Virtual Teams*. The business-oriented book "provides an in-depth, practical perspective on the growing dependence on virtual teams and how to best exploit them." The book is published by CyberTech Publishing, an imprint of Idea Group Inc.



Dr. Chris Henderson '91 works as a senior research scientist in the department of infectious disease at the University of Georgia. siRNA technology is the department's current strategy for developing vaccine candidates for treatment against viral pathogens. Their collaborations include government laboratories, such as the Centers for Disease Control, as well as private companies leading the field in biotechnology. Her husband, Barry

Packtor, is a mortgage banker with Country Wide. They have two dogs and two horses.



Paula Maddox '91 is living in Roswell, Georgia, and her daughter, Kira-Marie Carr, just completed her freshman year at Oglethorpe.

Lori Calupca '92 teaches 8th grade physical science at Wesleyan School and coaches the middle school cross country and track teams. In addition, Lori is involved with Wesleyan's mission trips and chaperoned a middle school mission trip to Wise, Virginia, over spring break.

Jeffery Whitney '92 became a senior partner of Perinatal Law Group, PLLC, a law firm in Washington, D.C., in October 2005. PLG represents the families of children suffering from birth injuries resulting from medical negligence.

Myers Brown '93 recently joined the staff of the Tennessee State Museum as curator of history and extension services. Myers received his master's in museum studies from Middle Tennessee State University and previously worked for the Atlanta History Center and the Alabama Historical Commission. Myers serves on the Board of Governors of the Company of Military Historians and on the military history committee of the American Association of State and Local History. He and his wife Angie recently had their first child.

Chris McDuffie '94 was licensed as an associate professional counselor (LAPC) with the state of Georgia in September of 2005.

Jane Perkins '96 is teaching 1st grade at Tower Street School in Westerly, Rhode Island, and is also a volunteer firefighter at two departments in the community. Jane is the Captain of the Watch Hill Fire Department in Westerly and a Training Officer at the Dunn's Corners Fire Department in Westerly.

Stephanie Giles Howard '97 was discovered in the summer of 2005, by her 24-year-old half-Hungarian half-brother, Travis Nagy, who is completing law school at University of South Carolina. He plays the saxophone, fiddle, harmonica, piano and guitar all by ear. They have many things in common: German-looking facial bone structure, love for mackerel sushi and a thing for Aquarians.

Dave Leach '97 has been a contractor for MATRIX Resources on assignment to BellSouth for a little over a year. He works on a software development team that publishes a utility called QuoteExpert. This is the tool that the BellSouth sales force uses to generate quotes for business communication products. Dave works with some of the best programmers in the region and gets to drive by campus every day! Dave, wife September and their three cats recently moved to Peachtree Corners.

Kim Phillips Sasso '98 has been named to the position of marketing and communications manager for CTR Group, a national professional staffing firm. In this capacity Kim will guide development of comprehensive branding and marketing strategies relating to the company's geographic expansion and cultivation of the finance and manufacturing industries. Kim and husband Nick continue to build their successful restaurant business, Nick's Pizza Stop ([www.nickspizzastop.com](http://www.nickspizzastop.com)). Kim also maintains a community website, <http://www.grantville.net>.

Aimee Thrasher-Hanson '98 completed her Master of Library Science degree in December 2005 from Queens College. Her family has recently relocated to the wonderful city of Philadelphia, where she will start her new career as an adult/young adult librarian with the Free Library of Philadelphia. If anyone is visiting the Philly area, feel free to contact her!

Mariruth Leftwich '99 has begun her doctorate program at the University of London's Institute of Education. Her research, based in the school of arts and humanities, focuses on the development of online museum resources for use in the history classroom.



Leigh Lawless '00 currently resides in Savannah, Georgia, and is pursuing graduate studies in public administration at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. After completing her degree, Leigh will pursue a career in nonprofit management and fundraising. Leigh works as a server and spends her free time potty training her new baby, Lucy, a bi-eyed Siberian Husky rescued from the pound and trying to help her get along with her fat cat Hairy.

Penelope Anderson '01 has moved back to Atlanta and is working with the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia as the campaign manager for corporate and foundation giving.

Shaniece Broadus Criss '02 graduated with her Master of Public Health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. She has been working at a public health consulting company, ORC Macro, in Atlanta.



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Jorjanne Zorn Paulk '01 is currently a stay-at-home mother of a two-year-old son, Seth. The nature of her work includes diapers, filling sippy cups and lots of hugs!

Angie Baldwin Roda '01 and husband Tim recently moved back to their hometown of Tampa, Florida. Angie started her own web and print production company, and Tim is now working for Bracken Engineering as a project engineer.

Daniel Sobczak '01 left Home Depot in July to pursue a full-time career in education. He is currently pursuing his master's in education at Georgia State University in the social studies TEEMS program. He also began teaching full time at the GIVE Center, Gwinnett County's alternative school, at the end of August. He still resides in the Snellville area.

Shahara Ruth '02 presented a reading of her latest play "Two Kinds of Women" on Dec. 30, 2005, at the Paramount Coffee Shop in Tucker, Georgia. The reading investigated the age-old stereotype of two kinds of women, how these women are viewed and how men view them. The theme of the evening was "Bringing Back Balance in Relationships."

Daniel Torrenti '02 and Leah Patrick Torrenti '01 celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary in July 2005. Many Oglethorpe alumni were part of the wedding including the majority of the cast from "It's a Wonderful Petrel" produced in '00. Leah is currently teaching Spanish and coaching tennis, cross country and basketball at Lafayette High School in Georgia. Daniel is teaching government and coaching baseball at Ridgeland High School in Georgia. Daniel has just recently started graduate school for an educational leadership degree at Kennesaw State University.

Mona (Katye) Watkins '02 is now the senior coordinator of vendor management at Cingular Wireless in Atlanta.

Gabriel Dean '03 wrote "Riffed," a play produced last fall by Actor's Express as part of their Dark Night Series. It won a grant from the City of Atlanta's Bureau of Cultural Affairs.

Brevely Mack '03 lost her daughter, Vanesa Ingram, on April 27, 2005. Vanesa was a beautiful, talented, loving and wonderful daughter. She was 33 years old at the time of her death with a great future. She was Brevely's youngest daughter and the first to finish college (University of Alabama at Birmingham). Vanesa encouraged Brevely to go back to school to earn her degree in 2003. Brevely's heart is broken and her loss is great.

JoAnn Tippet '04 is working as a preschool teacher at St. James Preschool and also serves as the afterschool program director for children with special needs at the Heart of Hope Academy in Atlanta.



Ashley Wolf '04 Ashley Wolf '04 is creating her first full-length LP with Scobra/Dreamtime Records in Los Angeles. Her first album was sung, co-produced and lyrically written by Ashley. In October, Ashley appeared on a late morning national cable television show called Brunch on QTN. She performed a single from her upcoming album.

Cat Lawler '05 is attending the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, Georgia. She is having fun there, despite the hard work. She misses the Oglethorpe community and would love to hear from you if you are in the Athens area.

Rachel Lehr '04 has recently taken a position with General Dynamics and moved to the Washington, D.C., area. She is working as an analyst in the network systems division supporting the Department of Homeland Security.

Carlissa Carson '05 is currently in Lansing, Michigan, attending law school. She plans on pursuing a career in criminal law. Additionally, she is a military intelligence officer in the Army.



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## In Memoriam

*Oglethorpe expresses its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following alumni and friends of the university who have died:*

Elizabeth Patterson Byram '28 on Jan. 12, 2004

Grace Woolford Draper '34 on May 1, 1999

Helen Bivings Crawford '35 on Dec. 20, 2005

Clyde L. Wright, Sr. '35 on Aug. 12, 2004

Aranna M. Watson '36

Martha Carmichael Dew '37 on Aug. 23, 2005

Douglas H. Thompson '37 on Dec. 5, 2005

Avery Anderson Graves '38 on Dec. 20, 2005

John M. Cown '41 in Jan. 1998

George Leonard Hill '41 on Feb. 26, 1991

Anne Sheridan Pinson '41 on Nov. 19, 2005

Violet Moore Poulos '41 on Feb. 14, 2006

Alma Shaw Ward '41 on Feb. 6, 2004

Lt. Colonel Charles Ross Wyrosdick '41

Alice Bragg Geiger '42 on Feb. 14, 2006

Harold Monroe Humber '42 on July 29, 2005

William Maxwell Gaston '43 on Aug. 11, 2005

Esther Laree Milam Harbin '44 on Sept. 3, 2004

William Joseph Hooks '44 on Dec. 2, 1997

Beverly Bechtel Thompson '51 on Dec. 13, 2005

Frances Carroll George '52

Estelle Underwood Howington '53 on Jan. 27, 2006

Rev. William Watts (Bill) Satterwhite '53 on Aug. 17, 2005

Frank Whitfield Laird Terhune Jr. '53 on Jan. 9, 2006

Margaret (Carol) Davis McCann '54 in 2005

Trustee Clare Findley Magbee '56 on Nov. 28, 2005

Patterson Nall Mitchell '56 on Dec. 6, 2005

James Carl Scoggins '56 on Dec. 4, 2000

Betty Jones Wiley '56 on Aug. 10, 2005

Annie Stephens Meek '57 on Feb. 10, 2006

Peggy Green Simpson '58 on Nov. 1, 2005

Connie Thiery Hale '59 on June 12, 2003

Thomas Joseph Dallinger '65 in Feb. 2006

Charles R. Farrell '67 on Sept. 6, 2005

Patricia Ann Hartridge '69 on Sept. 6, 2005

Daniel Patrick Collins '73 on Sept. 30, 2005

Kay Penn Martin '75 on Jan. 22, 2006

Wesley N. McFarland '79 on Aug. 18, 2004

Patricia Fowler Waite '83

Kevin Thomas Bradley '87 on Jan. 24, 2006

Vera Clark Ray '99 on Oct. 23, 2005

Ramona Sutton Lathbury '05 on Aug. 10, 2005

Sandra C. Banderas '06 on March 25, 2006

Samuel Joseph George on Aug. 15, 2005

Lois "Skippy" Milstead Goodwin on Dec. 11, 2005



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#### ALUMNI WEEKEND

Over 550 alumni, family and friends returned to campus at the end of March to celebrate their years at Oglethorpe and reconnect with friends, professors, coaches and staff! Many groups held separate reunions, including new Golden Petrels in the class of 1956, the classes of 1961, 1966, 1991, 1996 and 2001. Young Alumni (classes of 1995-2005), ODK, SAE, baseball and tennis alumni also gathered during the weekend. Interim provost and retired Callaway Professor of Economics **William Shropshire** was in attendance, pictured at left speaking with Allie Brubaker and **Cleve Hill '01**. Additional photos are available at [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) (keyword: alumni weekend).

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